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SUBJ: SOARES'S CABINET SWORN IN

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SUMMARY: THE SOARES'S CABINET SWORN IN JULY 23 CONTAINED FEW
SURPRISES. THE INCLUSION OF THREE MILITARY MEN -- FIRMINO MIGUEL
(DEFENSE); COSTA BRAS (INTERIOR); AND ALMEIDA LIMA
(PUBLIC WORKS) -- IN AN ALMOST ALL SOCIALIST CAST SHOULD HELP
KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS OPEN WITH THE ARMED FORCES, WHOSE
SUPPORT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PS PROGRAM.
END SUMMARY

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1. SOARES'S GOVERNMENT SWORN IN: IN NATIONALLY-TELEVISED CEREMONIES, ON JULY 22, PRESIDENT EANES SWORE IN PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES, MOST MINISTERS, AND KEY OFFICIALS WHO WILL OPERATE OUT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. IN ADDITION TO SOARES, THOSE SWORN IN INCLUDED:

- MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO: JORGE COMPINOS AND HENRIQUE DE BARROS;
- FOREIGN MINISTER: ANTONIO MEDEIROS FERREIRA;
- INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION (INTERIOR) MINISTER: LTC MANUEL COSTA BRAS;
- DEFENSE MINISTER: LTC FIRMINO MIGUEL;
- JUSTICE MINISTER: ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA SANTOS;
- COMMERCE MINISTER: ANTONIO BARRETO;
- ECONOMIC COORDINATION MINISTER: ANTONIO DE SOUSA GOMES;
- FINANCE MINISTER: HENRIQUE MEDINA CARREIRA;
- EDUCATION MINISTER: MARIO SOTTOMAYOR CARDIA;
- INDUSTRY MINISTER: WALTER ROSA;
- LABOR MINISTER: MARCELO CURTO;
- SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER: ARMANDO BACELAR;
- TRANSPORTATION MINISTER: RUI VILAR;
- HOUSING MINISTER: EDUARDO PERREIRA;
- PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER: LTC ALMEIDA LIMA;
- AGRICULTURE MINISTER: ANTONIO LOPES CARDOSO;
- COMMUNICATIONS STATE SECRETARY: MANUEL ALEGRE;
- STATE SECRETARY (ASSISTANT TO SOARES): VICTOR CUNHA REGO;
- UNDER SECRETARY (ASSISTANT TO CUNHA REGO):

MONTEIRO DENIS.

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2. OUR TENTATIVE EVALUATION OF THE SOARES CABINET REMAINS AS STATED IN REFTTEL. THE INCLUSION OF THREE MILITARY MEN -- FIRMINO MIGUEL (DEFENSE); COSTA BRAS (INTERIOR); AND ALMEIDA LIMA (PUBLIC WORKS) -- IN AN ALMOST ALL SOCIALIST CAST SHOULD HELP TO KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS OPEN WITH THE ARMED FORCES, WHOSE SUPPORT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PS PROGRAM.
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